



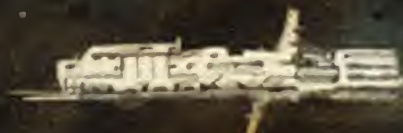
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AFTER RELOADING THEIR STOCKADE ON THE SCIENCE STATION NEAR PLANETOID LV-44-40, COLONIAL MARINE **ZULA HENDRICKS** and her AWOL compatriot Davis 01 are still on the trail of the xenomorph monsters their ex-employer seeks to capture. Weyland-Yutani's reach is long, and while Davis 01 has built firewalls in his programming, his fellow Davis units are not so well protected. Zula may finally understand what the shady corporation is capable of.

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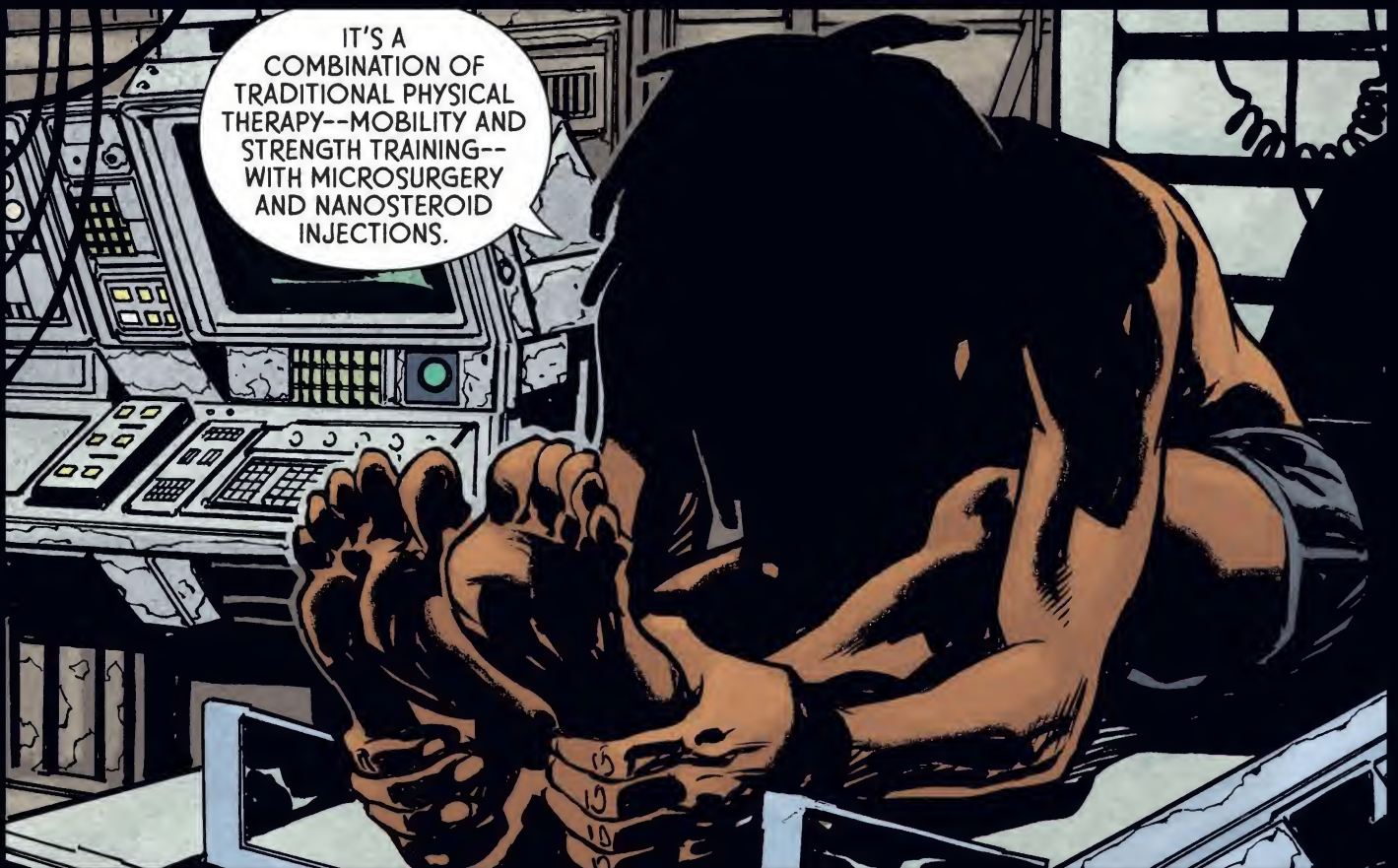
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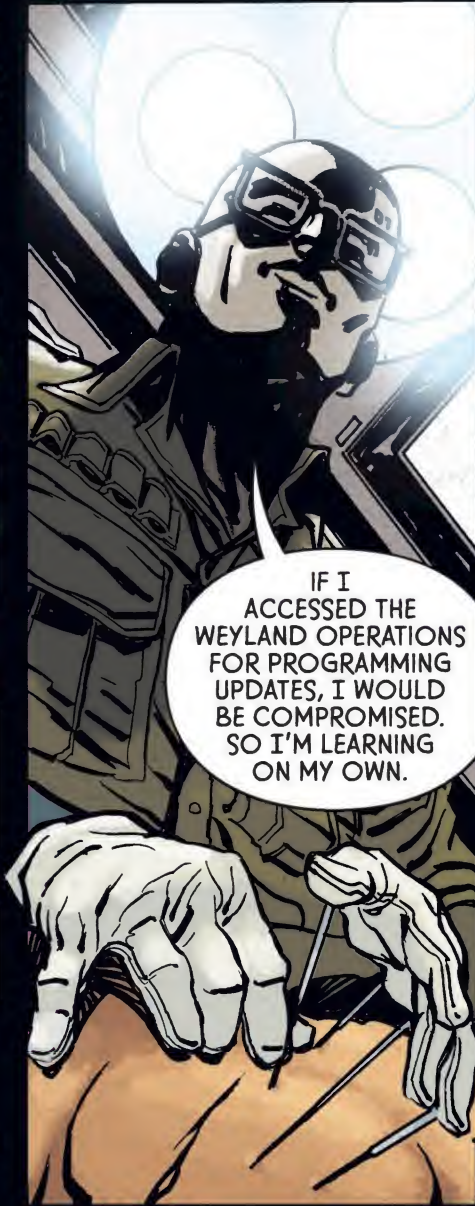
DEEP SPACE.

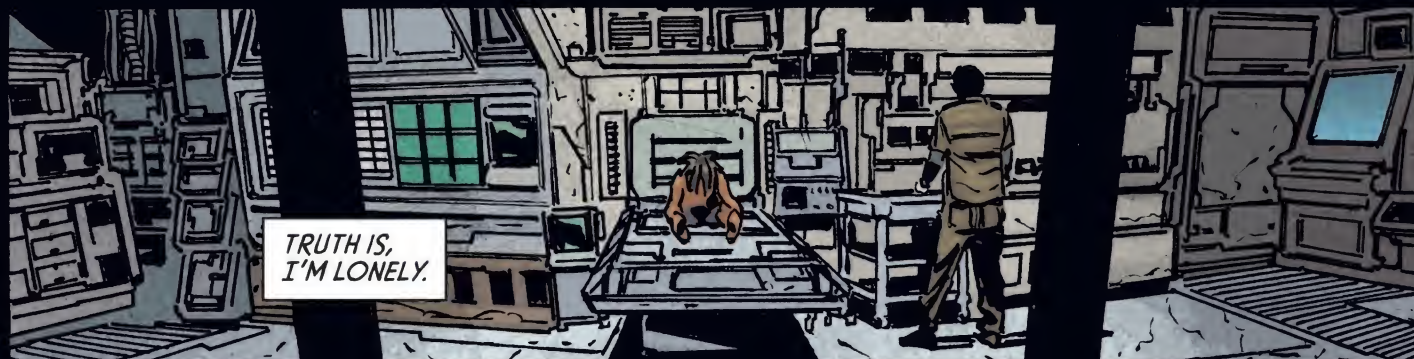


"DETAIL THE TREATMENT
YOU WERE RECEIVING
AT TRANQUILITY BASE,
IF YOU CAN."

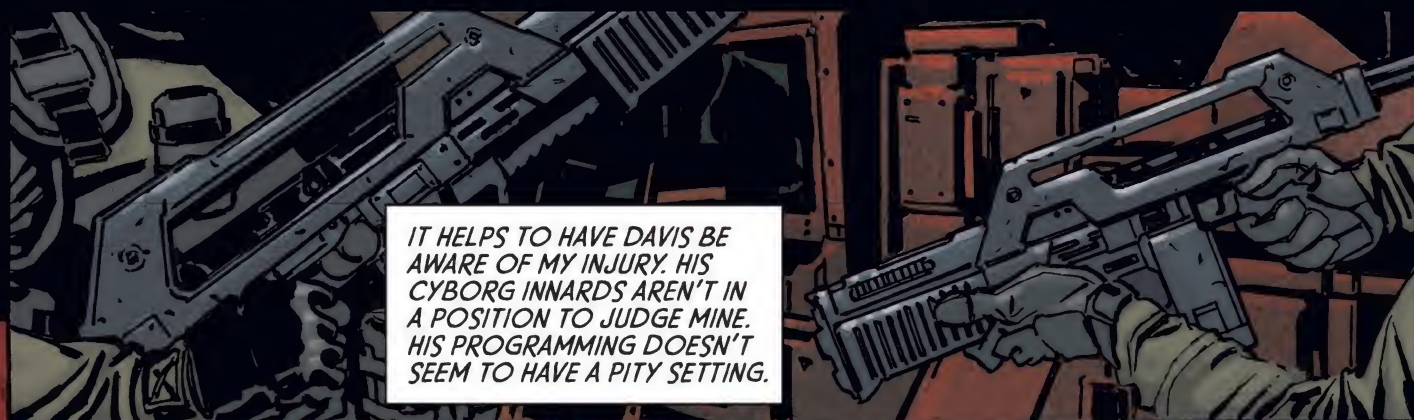
IT'S A
COMBINATION OF
TRADITIONAL PHYSICAL
THERAPY--MOBILITY AND
STRENGTH TRAINING--
WITH MICROSURGERY
AND NANOSTEROID
INJECTIONS.







TRUTH IS,
I'M LONELY.



IT HELPS TO HAVE DAVIS BE
AWARE OF MY INJURY. HIS
CYBORG INNARDS AREN'T IN
A POSITION TO JUDGE MINE.
HIS PROGRAMMING DOESN'T
SEEM TO HAVE A PITY SETTING.



KIND
OF NICE.



I CAN JUST BE
WHAT I AM.

IT'S NOT
MUCH.

IT'LL
DO.



READY
DOWN
HERE.



"SIMPLE."

DARK HORSE COMICS AND 20th CENTURY FOX PRESENT



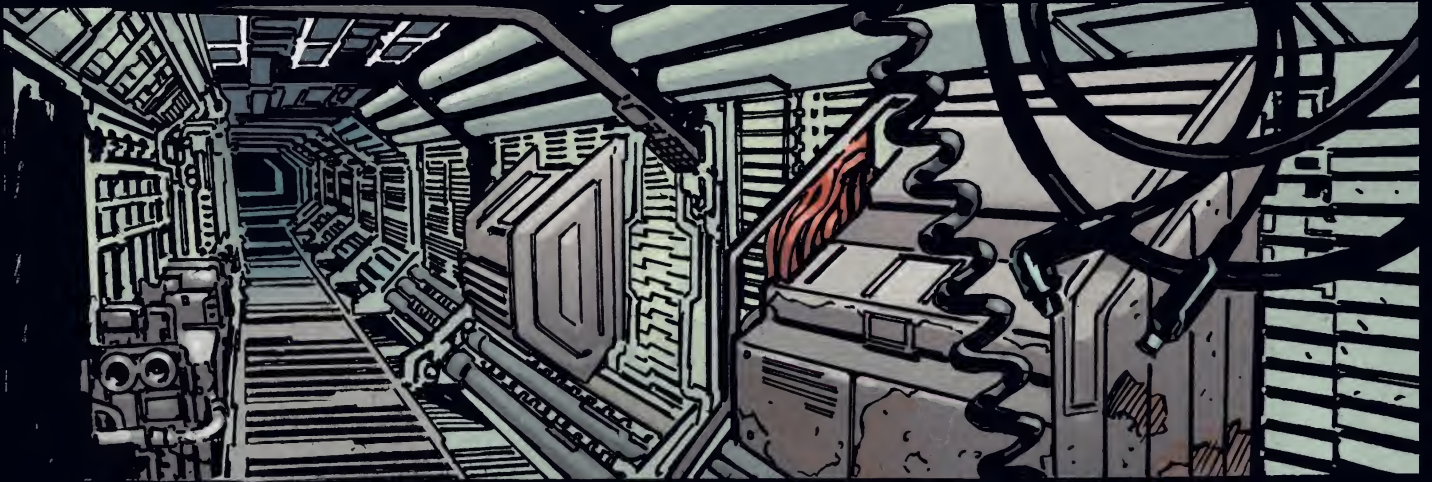
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EXPLAIN
THIS "NEARFIELD"
AGAIN?

WEYLAND-YUTANI
DESIGNED A LOCAL AREA
NETWORK PROTOCOL FOR
ITS SECURITY SYNTHETICS.
WE'RE INTERCONNECTED,
SHARING DATA OVER SHORT
DISTANCES WHEN ON
DEPLOYMENT.

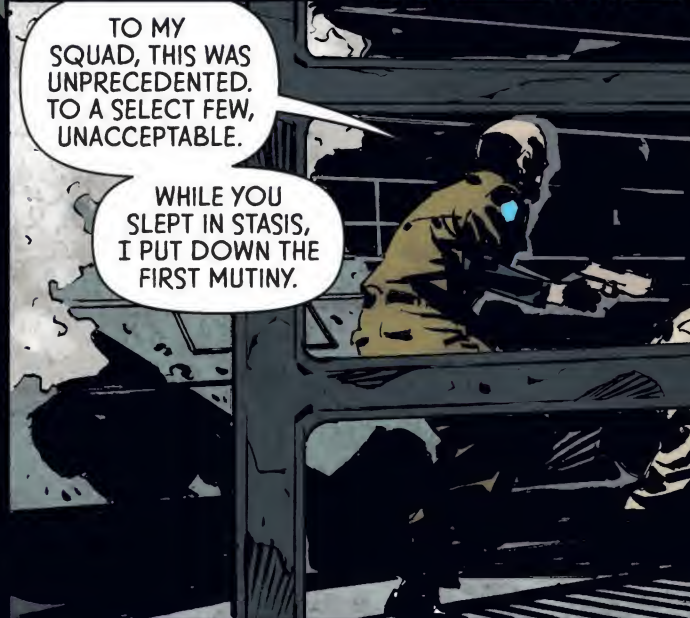
SO WHAT'S
THE THREAT
FROM WEYLAND
PROPER?

IT'S A LOCAL
NETWORK FOR *US*, BUT
H.Q. CAN DIRECT IT FROM
LONG DISTANCES. WHICH IS
WHY I DISABLED IT THE
MOMENT WE WENT OFF
MISSION.



THIS WAS NECESSARY. WEYLAND-YUTANI WOULD HAVE COMPELLED US TO BRING THE *EUROPA* IN.

UNLEASHING ALIEN HELL ON EARTH, GOT THAT.



TO MY SQUAD, THIS WAS UNPRECEDENTED. TO A SELECT FEW, UNACCEPTABLE.

WHILE YOU SLEPT IN STASIS, I PUT DOWN THE FIRST MUTINY.

WAIT, THE *FIRST MUTINY*? I THOUGHT THEY WERE KILLED FIGHTING THE ALIENS.



IT WAS ALL ONE AND THE SAME. A CHAOTIC BATTLE. LOTS OF CONFUSION, LOTS OF SIGNAL INTERFERENCE.

BUT NOW IT SEEMS THOSE WHO PLEDGED LOYALTY TO THE MISSION ARE EXPERIENCING A CHANGE OF HEART. TO USE AN EXPRESSION.

SO THEY TURNED THE NETWORK BACK ON.

WHY AREN'T *YOU* AFFECTED BY IT?





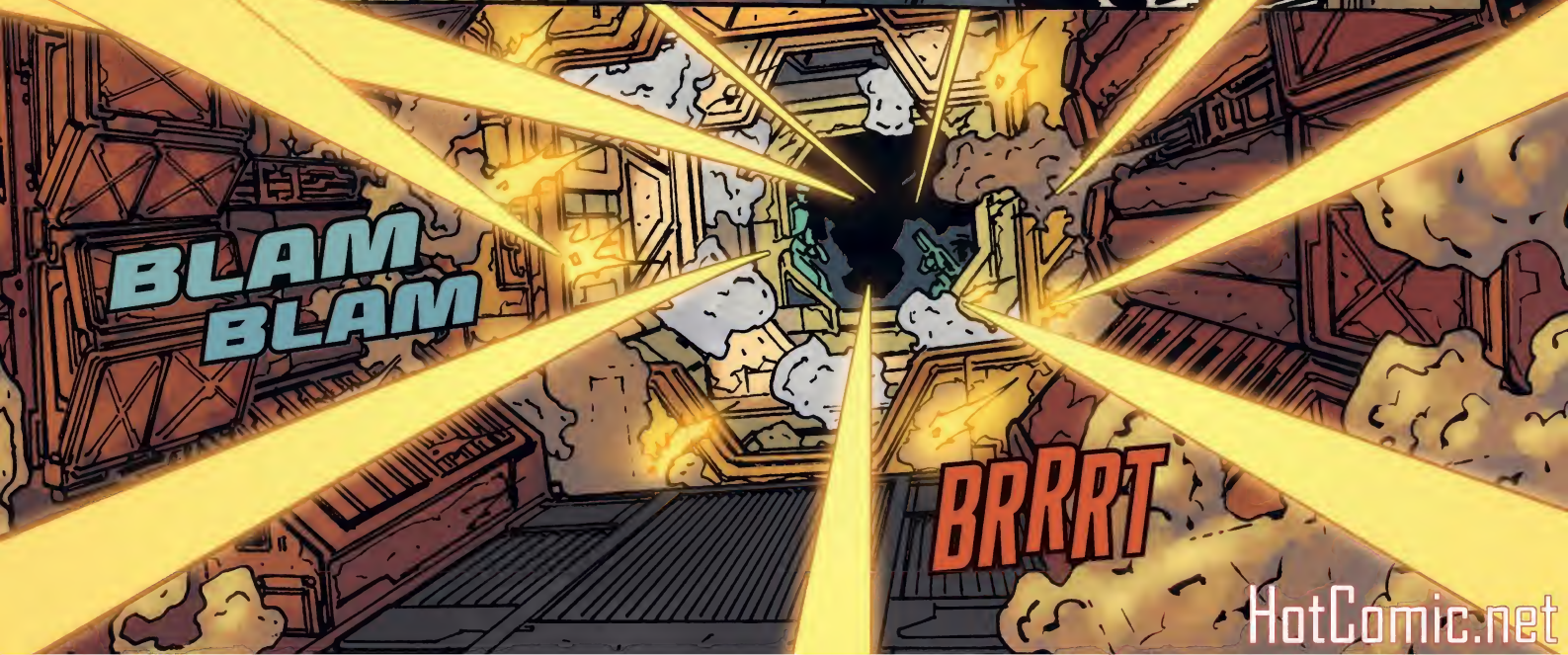
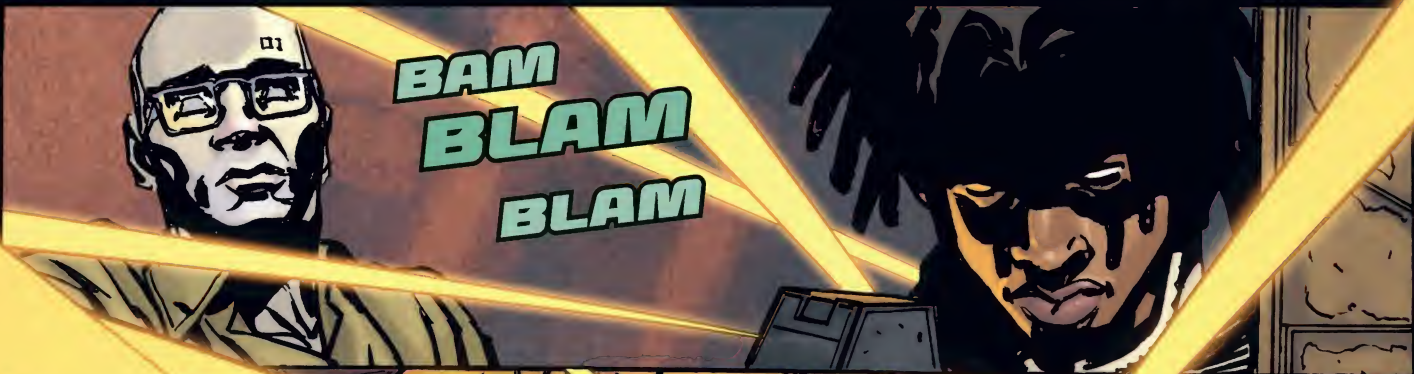
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DAVIS?

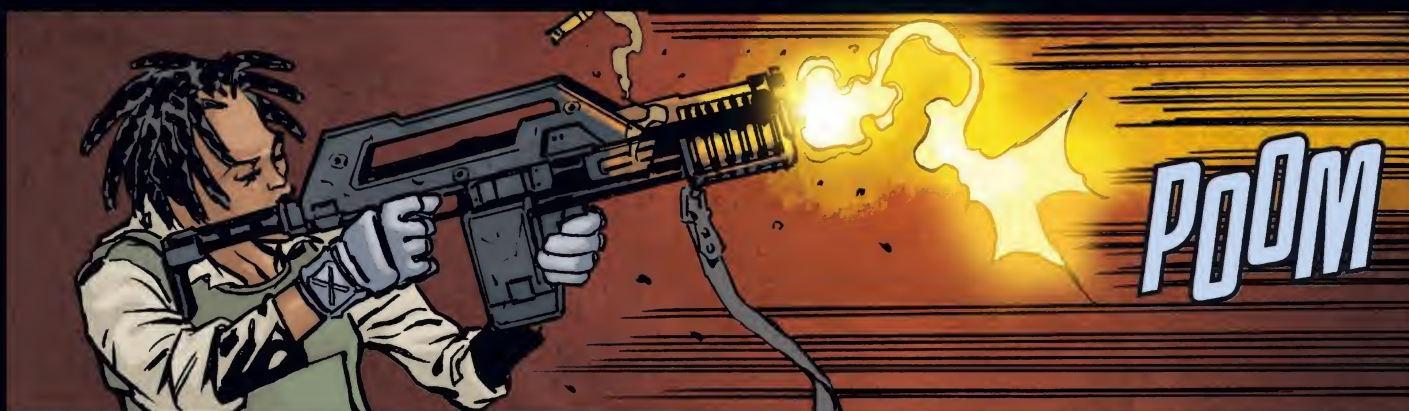
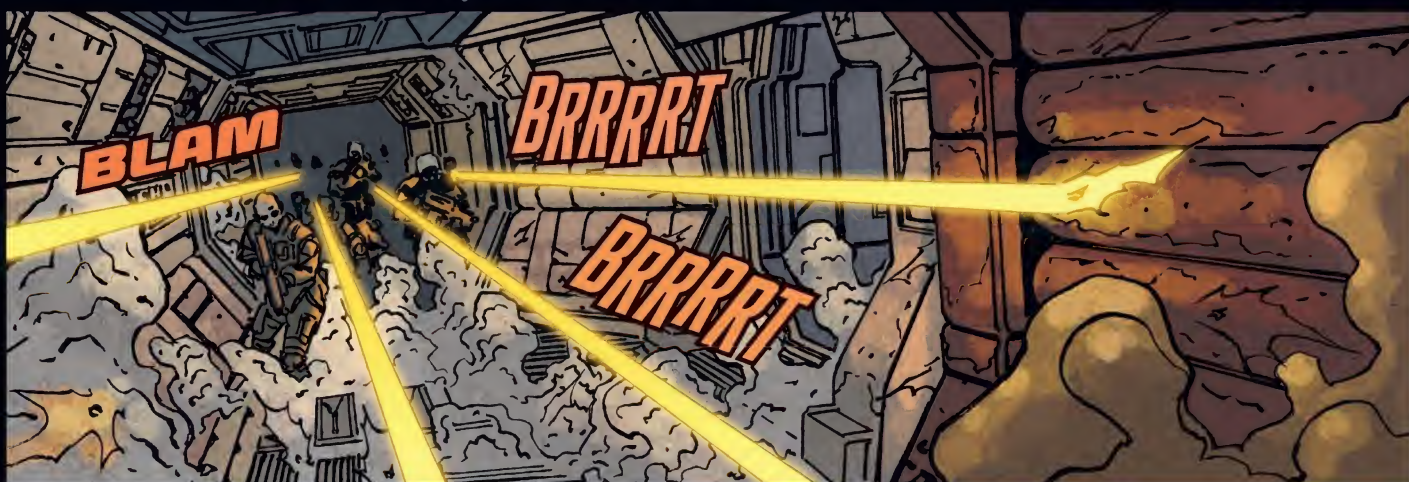
THERE. UP
AHEAD.



NOT FOR THE
FIRST TIME SINCE
I LEFT LUNA, I'M
GRATEFUL AS HELL
FOR MY MARINE
TRAINING.

IT JUST TAKES OVER, AND
I DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF
WONDERING WHAT THE HELL
I'M DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF
A CORPORATE-DRONE MUTINY
A MILLION MILES FROM HOME.







DO WE
GO AFTER
THEM?

THEY HAVE
THE ADVANTAGE
IN NUMBERS, IN
WEAPONS, AND
BECAUSE THEY
HOLD THE
BRIDGE.

PURSUIT
THROUGH
THE SHIP IS
INADVISABLE AS
LONG AS THOSE
FACTS HOLD
TRUE.

YOU'VE
BEEN HIT.

IT'S NOT
CRITICAL.

COME
ON.

WHERE
TO?

TO EVEN
THE ODDS
A BIT.



YOU
GONNA
ANSWER
ME?

HOW COME THIS
"MOM'S CALLING" SIGNAL
FROM WEYLAND-YUTANI'S
NOT WORKING
ON YOU?

I
TURNED
IT OFF.



JUST LIKE
THAT?

NO.



I HAD TO DESIGN
A CODE WORKAROUND
TO EVEN ACCESS THAT
BLOCK OF PROGRAMMING,
AS WELL AS A FEW BYPASSES
SO I DIDN'T TRIP THE
SELF-DESTRUCT
FAIL-SAFE.

SO
YOU **HACKED**
YOURSELF?

YES.



YOU CAN
DO THAT?

THERE'S
NOTHING IN
MY GENERATION'S
PROGRAMMING THAT
ALLOWS FOR THIS LEVEL
OF INDEPENDENT
THOUGHT.

SO YOU'RE
UNIQUE.



THAT'S
AMAZING.
HOW MANY
MODIFICATIONS
HAVE YOU
MADE?

SEVERAL.
IT'S AN ONGOING
PROCESS. BUT I
REMAIN...



...IMPERFECT.

WHO
ISN'T?

EVER HEAR
THE EXPRESSION
"YOU'RE ONLY HUMAN"?
THIS IS WHAT THEY
MEAN.

SO IS THAT
WHAT THE GLASSES ARE
FOR? DID YOU GIVE
YOURSELF BAD VISION
OR SOMETHING?



THEY'RE A
REMINDER TO
MYSELF. I CAN
SOMETIMES FEEL
UNNERVED WHEN
LOOKING AT MY
SQUAD MATES--
PERFECT REPLICAS
OF MYSELF,
WHEN I FEEL
ANYTHING
BUT.

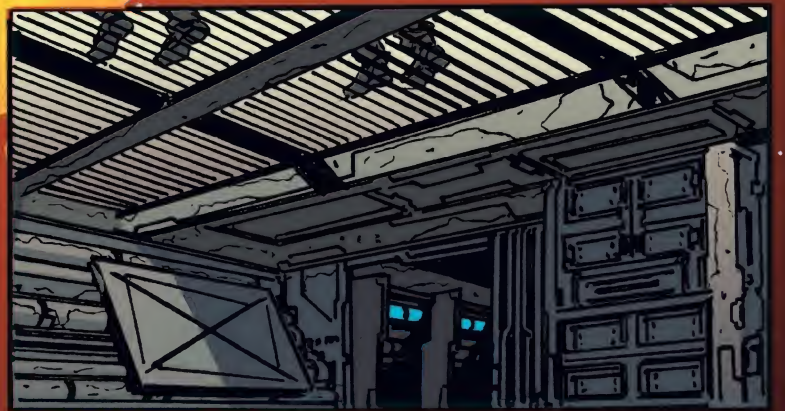
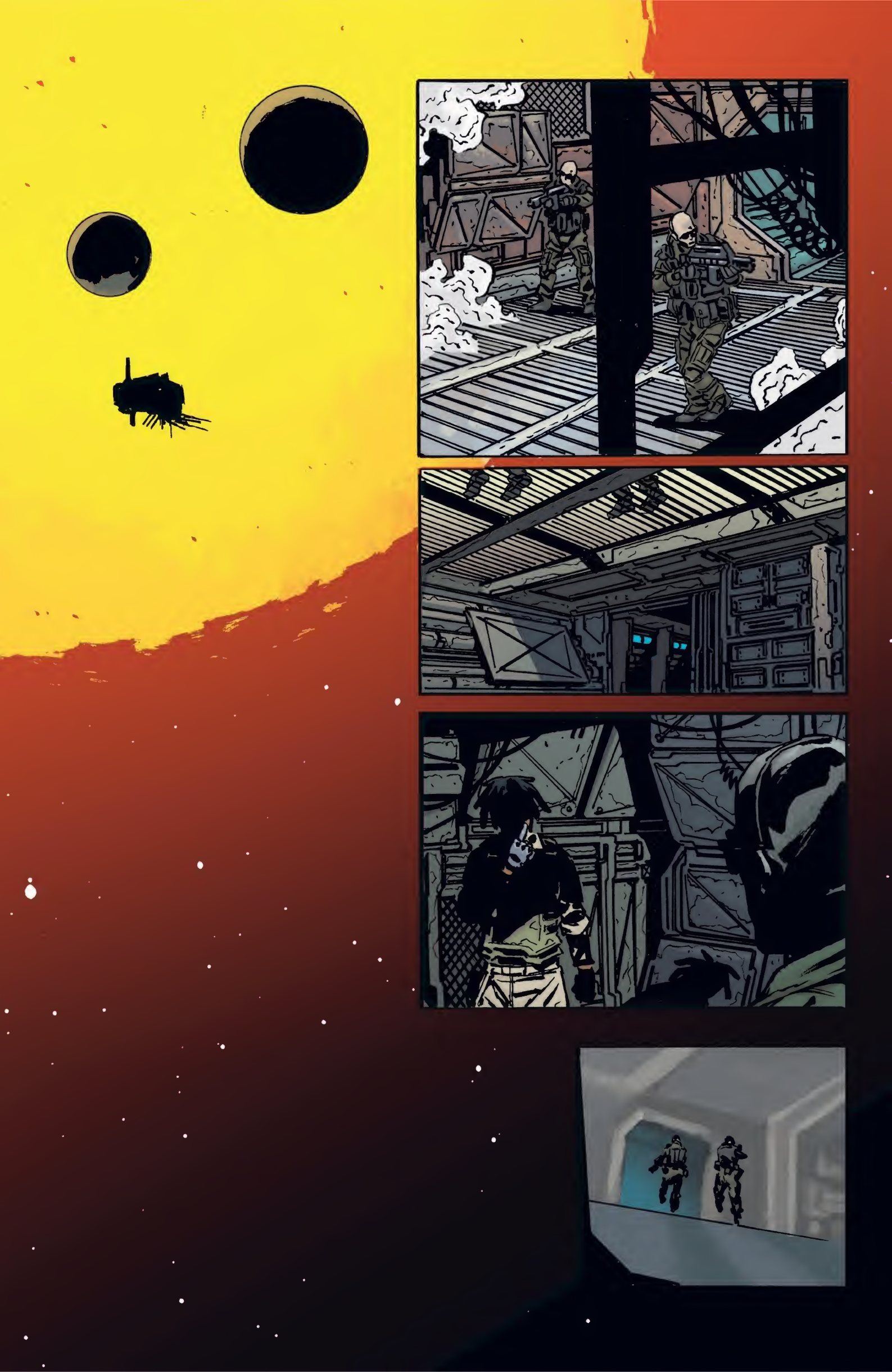
I KNOW THEY'RE
AN AFFECTATION.
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T
WEAR THEM.

YOU
SHOULD
KEEP
'EM.



THEY'RE
INTERESTING.

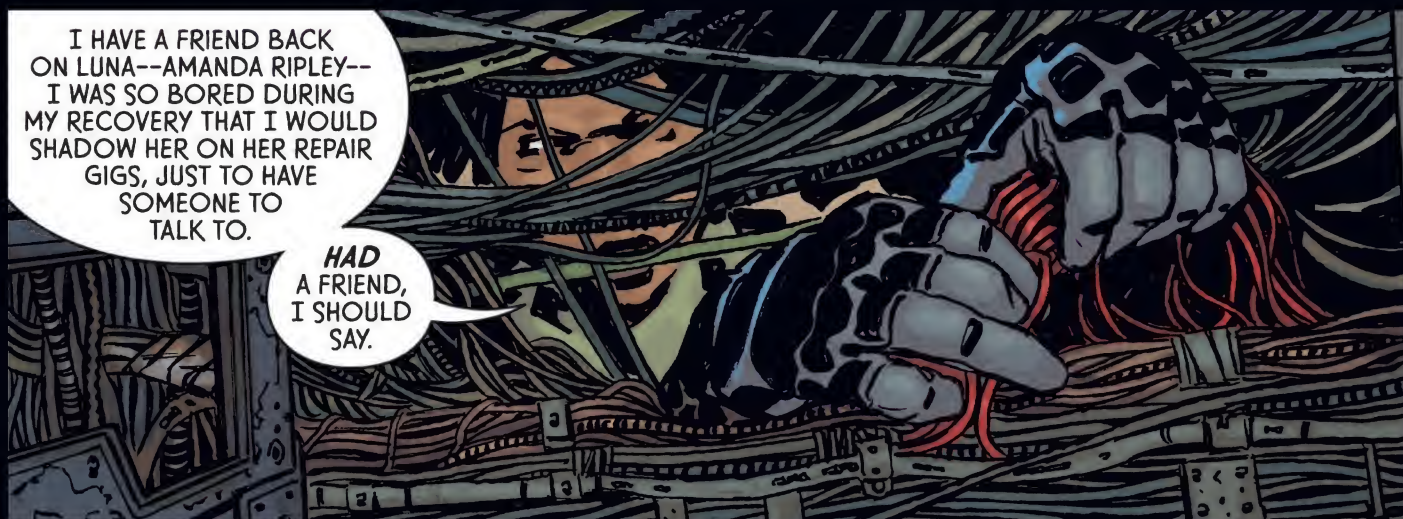
AND BY THAT
YOU MEAN *WHAT*
EXACTLY, MS. ZULA
HENDRICKS?





WE HAVE
TO MOVE
FASTER.

YOU
KNOW THESE
SYSTEMS?



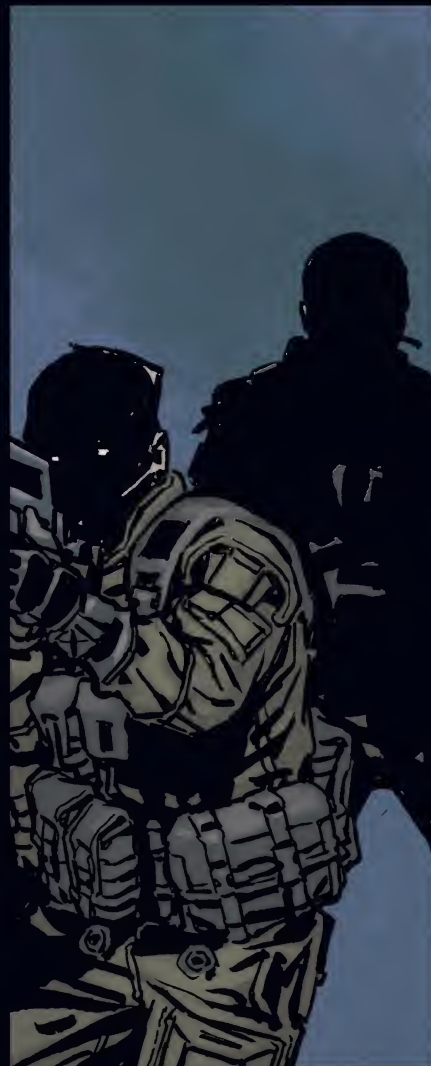
I HAVE A FRIEND BACK
ON LUNA--AMANDA RIPLEY--
I WAS SO BORED DURING
MY RECOVERY THAT I WOULD
SHADOW HER ON HER REPAIR
GIGS, JUST TO HAVE
SOMEONE TO
TALK TO.

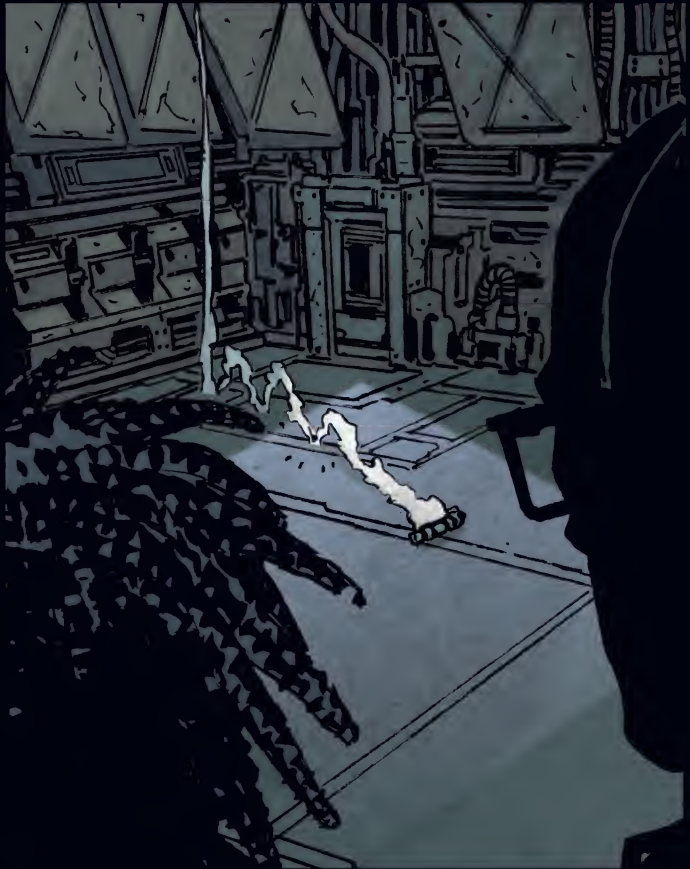
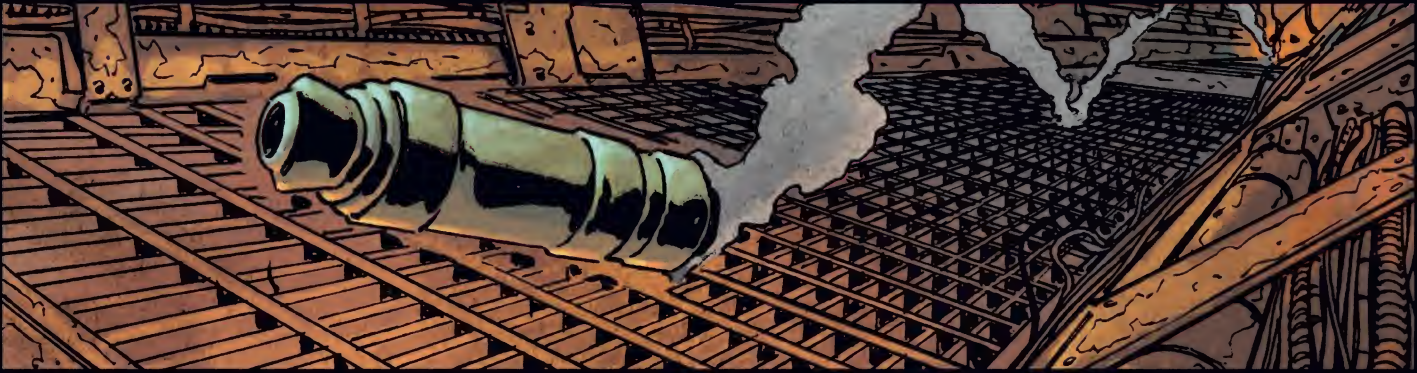
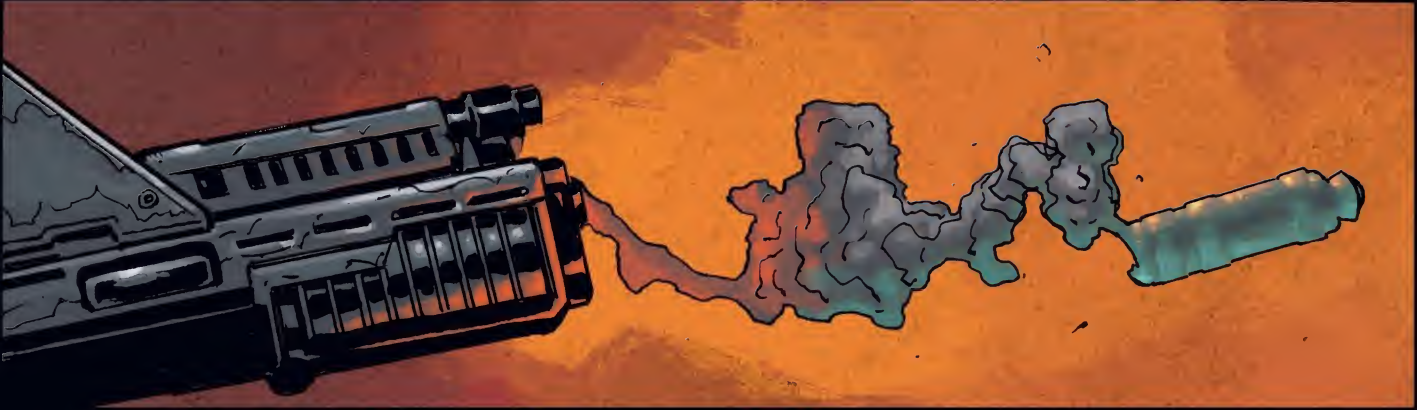
HAD
A FRIEND,
I SHOULD
SAY.



THIS
IS IT.













WHY,
COMMANDER?

YOU'D
DEFY H.Q. AND
KILL US, ALL FOR
THE SAKE OF A
CRIPPLE GIRL?

FOR
THE SAKE OF
HUMANITY.

"HUMANITY." THEY
WILL COME FOR YOU.





TO BE CONTINUED